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# MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

## MULBERRY MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

ENON CHURCH, BIBB COUNTY, ALA.,

October 11 and 12, 1879.

### OFFICERS.

J. M. LANGSTON, *Moderator* ..... Six Mile, Ala.  
D. Z. WOOLLEY, *Clerk and Treasurer* ..... Modena, Ala.

*The next session will be held with Liberty Hill Church, four  
and a half miles west of Clanton, Chilton County, Ala-  
bama, on Randolph and Clanton roads, on Wednesday  
and Thursday after the second Sunday in  
October, 1880.*

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ENON CHURCH, BIBB COUNTY, ALA., Oct. 11, 1899

The Mulberry Association met with Enon church according to previous arrangement at 11 o'clock. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. A. E. Burns from Psalms 25:12.

The body then adjourned until 1:30 p.m., at which time the Association assembled in the church and was called to order by Rev. J. M. Langston, who read 2d. Peter 5, and offered prayer.

Rev. A. E. Burns and Prof. J. M. Collier were appointed as a reading committee to read the letters from the different churches. R. J. Jones was appointed Temporary Clerk who enrolled the names of the delegates as follows:

*Rehoboth*—M. F. Lawley,\* Newton Lawley,\* J. T. Collins,\* D. L. Smitherman, J. C. Milander,\* L. J. Moore,\* A. W. Gentry.

*Enon*—Dan McIntosh, S. L. Johnson, M. L. McLeroy.

*Macedonia*—Not represented.

*Providence*—O. O. Lowery, W. R. Holdritch,\* W. A. Sims,\* J. M. Broadhead,\* Rev. J. E. Champion,\* Rev. D. A. Seals, A. C. Rachles,\* Rev. R. H. Long, W. H. Shaw.

*New Salem*—Not represented.

*Collins Chapel*—W. A. Mims, D. H. Gentry,\* Wiley Gore,\* G. W. Mims.\*

*Pleasant Grove*—W. R. Dawson,\* W. E. Thomas, Jas. Franklin,\* M. Franklin,\* Benj. Franklin,\* D. B. Oden.\*

*Pleasant Hill*—Madison Hubbard, H. C. Ray, M. C. Smith.\*

*Center Hill*—J. A. Sammon,\* L. A. McGraw, J. H. Martin,\* W. N. Thomas.

*Antioch*—J. M. Langston, G. W. Freeman, F. M. Marchant, W. N. Lawrence, W. H. Thomas,\* Z. J. Corley, D. Z. Woolley, N. H. Langston, D. B. Smitherman, J. N. Woolley.\*

*Mars Hill*—J. P. Gentry,\* E. J. Scott,\* E. G. Cofer,\* J. M. Scott,\* M. F. Langston,\* A. J. Pate,\* C. L. Langston,\* Henry Cofer,\* S. E. Edwards,\* G. W. Gothard,\* H. Z. Barns,\* David Scott.\*

*Union Grove*—W. R. Robinson,\* J. H. Binson,\* W. H. Conway, Calvin Glasscock.

\*Absentees.

*Liberty Hill*—F. M. Foshee, J. W. Littlejohn, J. E. Littlejohn.

*Shady Grove*—Jasper Jackson,\* M. J. Payne,\* J. J. Fitts,\* T. J. Lawrence, Walter Wallace,\* J. M. Davis,\* J. D. Smitherman.\*

On motion a Moderator and Clerk were elected by ballot, Rev. J. M. Langston, Moderator, D. Z. Woolley, Clerk.

Next opened the door for churches to join the Association. Correspondents were then called for.

Rev. J. R. Wells was received from the Unity Association; R. H. Pratt and J. M. Collier, from the Shelby Association; A. E. Burns, from Coosa River Association; J. N. C. Brown, D. J. Frazier and D. L. Cruise from the Cahaba Association.

The Moderator then appointed the following special committees:

*Finance*—W. H. Shaw, N. H. Langston, F. M. Foshee.

*Devotional Exercises*—The Pastor and Deacons of Enon church.

*Nominations*—D. L. Smitherman, J. E. Littlejohn, D. B. Smitherman.

Vacancies on standing committees were then filled.

*Home Religion*—F. M. Arnold.

*Periodicals*—A. C. Cruise, Dan McIntosh.

*Orphans' Home*—R. J. Jones.

R. H. Long and W. H. Shaw were recognised as delegates from Providence church.

On motion the same order of business was adopted as was had last session.

Reports of standing committees were then taken up. The first, the report on Sunday-school, was read, and after being very ably discussed by M. D. Langston, A. E. Burns and others was adopted as follows.

#### REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOL

Your Committee on Sabbath-school, submit the following report. While we feel that the Sabbath-school is doing good in our Association, we regret to know that several of our churches report no school. Brethren, we feel that every church should have a Sabbath-school where they could meet to study God's Word and teach it to their children.

The Sabbath-school is to supply material for the future churches, and it appears to this committee that all church

members should labor either as teachers or pupils. We beg to submit a few requisites for a *good* Sabbath-school.

1st. A wideawake Superintendent who has ingenuity enough to keep general session of the school out of routine.

2d. Consecrated teachers. We desire to put special stress on the word "consecrated." It is only the consecrated Christian who will stand to his post year in and year out. Constant, prayerful labor is as essential to success in Sunday-school work as in any branch of Christian service.

3d. Bibles. We think that bibles are too little used in our Sabbath schools; helps are good in their places but should not be allowed to supplant the bible.

4th. The Church, as a body, must take an interest in its Sabbath-school, ascertaining from time to time its needs. Every school should constantly be made to feel that the Church is especially a watchcare over it. It is the hope of this Committee that the Association may be directed of the Master to take such steps as will result in the greatest good to the Sabbath-school work in our midst.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. LANGSTON }  
A. GLASSCOCK } *Committee.*

The committee on Devotional Exercises then made their report.

#### REPORT ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

We, your Committee on Devotional Exercises, beg leave to submit the following.

Preaching to night by Rev. R. H. Long.

Devotional exercises to-morrow at 9. a.m. by Rev. D. A. Seals.

On motion the body then adjourned to 9. a.m. Wednesday.

Preaching at night by R. H. Long from Judges 2 : 1-4.

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#### Wednesday, October 12.

Prayer service was conducted by D. A. Seals, and at 9:30 the Association was called to order, and after prayer by the Moderator, business was resumed.

The roll was called and absentees were marked.

The minutes of the preceeding day were then read and approved.

The Moderator appointed the following standing committees :

*Sunday-school*—W. H. Shaw, J. A. Lowery.  
*Home Religion*—A. Glasscock, M. D. Langston.  
*Orphans' Home*—R. J. Jones, B. F. Riley.  
*Temperance*—G. W. Freeman, J. W. Wallace.  
*Ministerial Education*—R. H. Long, M. F. Lawley.  
*State Missions*—T. G. Williams, R. M. Honeycutt.  
*Home Missions*—J. P. Gentry, E. G. Cofer.  
*Foreign Missions*—D. C. Hubbard, W. Y. Nix.  
*Institute Work*—W. L. Honeycutt, I. N. Martin.  
*Periodicals*—J. Earl Jones, W. J. Jackson.

The report on temperance was read, and discussed by D. A. Seals, J. M. Collier and others, and adopted as read.

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to make the following report. We think we are on the gaining ground. To be temperate, we must be partakers. Paul says: "Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." (1 Cor. 9: 25.)

Now, brethren, that means something; in all we do or undertake we should use judgment, that is be temperate. Paul says: "Meekness, Temperance, against such there is no law." (Gal. 5: 23). "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit." (Eph. 5: 18.)

"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness: and to brotherly kindness charity." (2d. Peter 1: 5, 6.)

For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth (Jas. 3: 2, 5.)

Brethren, if we could be temperate with the tongue in every respect we could govern all the rest of our habits, and that is essential for us, for when we fail to do so then trouble begins. Just think back upon the past, what trouble has been in our churches from the little tongue. Let us awake to a sense of duty on this line.

And now to the whisky line. To be temperate in whisky is to use it as a medicine, and be sure not to take medicine that much whisky is in it. Total abstinence in the whisky line is the only sure plan to fall upon, and I hope that every

member of our Association will think well on this subject, and become total abstainers from the use of alcoholic drinks as a beverage. It is not worth while for me to give you reasons for you know yourself experience has taught us a great deal.

J. J. HICKS }  
M. J. PAYNE } *Committee.*

On motion it was ordered that the reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions be read and discussed jointly.

They were respectively read by W. A. Mims, W. H. Shaw and R. H. Long, and after being discussed by each of the above named gentlemen, Rev. A. E. Burns very ably explained, by the help of his map, the work of Foreign Missions. A collection was then taken for missions, amount collected \$11.25, after which the reports were adopted as follows :

#### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee beg to submit the following report. We understand that the work of our State Mission Board is confined to mission work in the State of Alabama, and not being very well informed as to State Missions, but being Missionaries, your Committee would urge upon the brethren of the Mulberry Association to inform themselves on the subject of Missions, and if the work is conducted in obedience to the command of our Saviour and for His glory, then we are duty bound to support the work with our prayers and our means.

State Missions have in the past done much for the Baptist cause in this State, and your Committee believes that there is much yet to be done, and we would recommend that the State Mission Board give more attention to weak places in the country, as we feel like the work for the towns is about finished *i.e.*, the Board has in the past spent about all the funds contributed for State Missions in the towns.

Respectfully submitted.

W. A. MIMS, *Chairman.*

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Home Missions, ask to submit the following report.

We find the number of missionaries employed on the field this year has been 653 against 467 last year, and we find there has been 6,552 baptisms against 4,793 last year. We also find that the contributions have been considerably larger this year than ever before, and that there has been nearly double the number of Sunday-schools organized by the missionaries employed by the Home Mission Board

Brethren, do we, as an Association, deserve any credit for



this increase in the Home Mission work? Let each one ask himself the question have I done my duty in the cause of Home Missions.

Now, brethren, if we have failed to do our duty, remember that it is only at the end of duty we find a blessing. And, again, remember that ye are the light of the world, the salt of the earth, and that it is through the church that God purposes to save the world.

Respectfully,

W. H. SHAW }  
J. A. LOWERY } *Committee.*

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Southern Baptists, through their Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Va., are supporting missionaries in China, Africa, Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Japan. We are glad to be able to report that the day star has made its appearance. The clouds are breaking, light is increasing, the day is dawning, and our noble band of videttes are vigilant and ever ready to obey the Great Captain of our salvation in preaching the gospel to a lost world. We have been made to rejoice over the large numbers added to the churches and the new centers of interests opened to the heralds of salvation in numerous instances. There were 701 baptisms in connection with our work on the foreign field last year. The total receipts of the F. M. B. for the conventional year were \$124,249.69. Of this amount the Women's Mission Union raised \$21,633.57. While the Board was enabled to report all indebtedness removed we should not lose sight of the fact that the cancellation of all the indebtedness was in part due to retrenchment in the work, and that the expenses of the Board are continuous. Alabama, with an army of 130,000 Baptists, gave last year to Foreign Missions the small sum of \$5,950.74. Is this the best Alabama can do? With resources well nigh exhausted, opportunities abundant, responsibilities fearful, ought we not to awake from our slumber and heed our Master's command, "Go work while it is day"? We urge upon the pastors of this Association the importance of making a strong and continuous appeal to their churches to do more in the great Mission Work and thus aid in bringing the whole world to God. We have no right to say, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done" unless we are willing to obey His will and take hold of the great work that God has for His children to do, and thereby help to bring the kingdom of God. To the pastors and people who are faithful in the vineyard of the Lord, will 'ere long hear the words of the Master, "Well done!"

R. H. LONG, *Chairman.*

The Association adjourned to meet at 1:30 p.m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion the subjects on Ministerial Education and Institute Work were read and discussed jointly. Discussion was participated in by A. E. Burns and R. H. Long.

#### REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The subject of Ministerial Education stands pre-eminent of all under consideration to day, for we believe that our ministers are, or should be, the ruling power of the church, and not only the church but all religious work; and as the success of the church depends largely upon the preacher, we say without fear of successful contradiction that our ministers should be educated, and when we say education we mean knowledge. Many of our preachers are willing to accept the care of a church, knowing at the same time that church is much their superior in a point of literature, if nothing else. To preach means to teach, and unless a man is competent to teach he cannot preach.

And, again, they should be *well* informed. We have a class of men going to and fro over our country to-day calling themselves ministers of the gospel, for whom some of our preachers are only laughing stocks as a result of their ignorance. Brethren, our denomination is suffering, and we have churches trailing in the dust on account of the incompetence of our ministers. Therefore let us aid and encourage our young men whom we believe the Lord has called, to procure an education, and also lend a helping hand to our theological schools and seminaries.

Respectfully,

D. Z. WOOLLEY, *Chairman.*

Adopted.

#### REPORT ON INSTITUTE WORK.

Institute work has been made a separate department of the beneficent work of the State, and an Institute Board, located at Opelika, Rev. G. S. Anderson, efficient Superintendent of Institute work, whose work consists mainly in holding institutes with the preachers over the State at places where they are given free entertainment, etc., and conducting a correspondence course with them during the winter. The purpose of the Institute is to reach the preachers on the field with some helpful instruction in sermonizing. The special purpose

s to help the uneducated ministry. Bro. Anderson's system of sermon building, which is set forth in his book, "The Sermon Builder," and which he gives in his lectures, seems to be a perfect system and has proved to be exceedingly helpful to those who have taken advantage of it. It is the opinion of your Committee that it would be wise that a reasonable part of our contributions should go to the support of this work.

J. R. WELLS.

Adopted.

On motion the subject of Home Religion was dispensed with, the committee having no report.

The report on Periodicals was called for; the Committee not being present, the report on Orphans' Home was read and discussed by R. I. Jones, R. H. Long and others.

#### REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

We, your Committee on Orphans' Home, ask to report as follows: We don't think it necessary to be very lengthy on the subject of supporting orphan children of our country. Dear brethren, we should, as Christians, make a home affair of this matter. Suppose your or my children should be left fatherless and motherless. It certainly would be a pleasure and make us happy indeed to know that that dear child of ours has a home among good, kind and Christian people, that will train it up in the way it should go. I understand that this is done at the Baptist Orphanage, located at Evergreen, Ala.

Owing to the limited time your Committee cannot make such a report as it desires. We have not sufficient figures and other matter from this grand and noble institution to give such a history as is deserving to God's people who are at the head of this grand work. I learn that the children have the most careful training and by the very best Christian people. The institution is supported by the contributions of the people. Bro. J. W. Stewart is general manager under a Board of Trustees. We urge every man, woman and child, who has means to contribute freely as possible to this great and grand institution of Christianity.

R. J. JONES, *Chairman.*

Adopted.

A collection was taken for the Orphans' Home. Amount collected, \$1.35.

On motion the present Clerk was made Treasurer of the Association.

The report on finance was read.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, submit this our report:

	CASH	VOUCHERS
Received for Minutes.....	\$ 23.60	\$ ....
For Ministerial Education.....	1.85	.60
For Orphans' Home.....	8.55	6.65
For Institute Work.....	2.00	1.05
For Foreign Missions.....	14.50	1.35
Home Missions.....	2.75	1.68
For State Missions.....	3.00	1.05
Total.....	56.25	12.38

Respectfully,

W. H. SHAW, *Chairman.*

Adopted.

On motion the contribution for Missions was divided equally between the three Mission Boards.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report:

## REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, offer the following report. We recommend that the next session of the Mulberry Association be held with Liberty Hill church on Wednesday after the second Sunday in October, 1900. We further recommend R. H. Long to preach the Introductory Sermon, G. W. Freeman alternate. We recommend D. A. Seals as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and J. P. Gentry alternate.

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. LITTLEJOHN.

Adopted.

The Association then ordered that the Clerk have 600 copies minutes printed and that he receive ten dollars for his services.

*Resolved*; That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to the good people of Enon church and community for the unbounded hospitality extended to us during the session of this Association.

R. H. LONG.

Adopted.

"God be with you" was sung, the parting hand extended and prayer was offered, after which the Association adjourned to meet with Liberty Hill Church on Wednesday after the second Sabbath in October, 1900.

## DISTRICT MEETINGS.

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The next meeting of the First District will be held with Antioch church on Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1900. Introductory Sermon preached by S. Smitherman; R. H. Long alternate.

### SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION.

1st. Should the Baptist Church be controlled, under all circumstances, by a unanimous vote, touching fellowship? Opened by Revs S. M. Adams, S. Smitherman, A. E. Burns and others.

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2. The delegates thus chosen and convened shall be known by the name of the Mulberry Baptist Association, who shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, or infringe on any of their internal rights, but merely be considered an advisory council in all matters relative to their internal concerns. Nevertheless, it becomes necessary in some cases to have a uniform rule of procedure, viz.: If one church commits an offense against another it shall be the duty of the offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction; if she fails of success she shall call the aid of two or more sister churches to assist in laboring for satisfaction; and if satisfaction cannot be thus obtained, it shall be the duty of the aggrieved church to bring the matter before the Association to be decided upon according to its merits. And if a serious difficulty should arise in an individual church which, upon due labor she cannot reconcile, she shall call the aid of two or more churches to assist in the work; and if the difficulty be not then removed it shall be the duty of the church to bring the case to the Association to be acted upon as above described. But the Association will take cognizance of no case of the above kind unless due course of procedure shall have been previously pursued.

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examination, they be found orderly and orthodox their reception shall be manifested by the Moderator giving the messenger the right hand of fellowship.

6. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper rule of decorum, which she is authorized to alter or amend according to her own views.

7. At every session of the Association a Moderator shall be chosen by and from among the delegates present, whose duty it shall be to see that the rules of decorum be strictly observed, and to take the voice of the Association upon all subjects legally introduced. A Clerk shall be chosen in the same manner, whose duty it shall be to take proper and correct minutes of the proceedings of the convention.

8. The Association shall have power to exclude from her union any church who may violate the Constitution or depart from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

9. The Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes every session.

10. Every query sent by a particular church must be inserted in her letter, certifying that she has endeavored to reconcile, and has failed. In such a case the Association shall take it under consideration and the voice of a majority shall be considered an advisory answer, which shall be entered on the minutes.

11. Queries that immediately concern the general union of the churches, sent by a particular church, or introduced by a proper motion, shall be taken up and decided on as soon as practicable.

12. Any church in our union having a member she may think possesses promising talents for the ministry, she shall, after a thorough conviction that he is called of the Lord to work, proceed to license him to preach the Gospel, at discretion, and report the same at the next session of the Association.

13. Any church in our union having a preacher whom she deems worthy of ordination, shall call a presbytery of ministers from sister churches to officiate in the work, and all presbyteries in the ordination of ministers and deacons, or the constitution of churches shall be governed by the Articles of Faith of this Association.

14. The Association shall have a fund, supplied from the voluntary contributions of the churches and all monies thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches by their messengers and paid over to the Committee on Finance. The Committee shall be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to receive in charge the Association fund, and dispose of the same agreeably to order, and make at every session a fair and substantial report of all their proceedings.

15. There shall be an Association Book provided in

which the minutes of every annual session shall be regularly recorded by the Clerk, who shall receive an annual compensation for his services.

16. The Association shall not adjourn any session until it shall have finished all the business on hand—except it be in ordinary cases.

17. The minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises.

18. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present.

19. Giving or withholding charity from any benevolent object shall not be considered a breach of fellowship by this Association.

20. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any session when two-thirds of the members present may deem necessary.

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## ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in only one living and true God—the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost. 2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. 3. We believe in the doctrine of election, and that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin. 5. We believe in man's incapacity, by his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature. 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them. 7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit. 8. We believe that the saints shall be preserved in grace and never fall away. 9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only proper subjects, and that immersion is the only Apostolic Baptism. 10. We believe that our Lord and Master washed His disciples' feet; we ought to wash one another's feet. 11. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal. 12. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the gospel but one who is baptized, and comes under the imposition of the hands of the presbytery. 13. We believe that none but regular baptized believers have a right to commune together at the Lord's table.

## RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer. 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present. 3. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order and have a discretionary right to call order at any time. 4. Any member not satisfied with the decision may appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time. 5. None but one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet, address the Moderator, and on obtaining leave, proceed. 6. The Moderator, when addressed for permission to speak, shall signify the same by naming the person, or otherwise. 7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject or use words of personal reflection. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association unless withdrawn by him who made it. 8. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another shall be offered. 9. When a question is taken up, after allowing time for the debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association on the subject by yeas and nays, or otherwise. 10. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain leave of the Moderator. 11. No member shall speak more than twice to the same proposition without leave of the Association, nor shall any proposition be made to close the subject until the debates have been carried through. 12. The appellation of brother shall be used in the Association in their addresses to each other. 13. The names of the members shall be called as often as the Association may direct. 14. No member shall be tolerated in any practice that may tend to interrupt public speaking. 15. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another to his seat during the time; but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided. 16. Any member violating these rules shall be reprov'd by the Moderator, as directed by the Association—but only on the day the breach shall have been made. 17. The rules shall be read at the opening of every session of the Association, and shall be altered or amended when a majority of the members should deem it necessary.

# STATISTICS OF MULBERRY MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 1899

CHURCHES	COUNTY	PASTOR	CLERK	CLERK'S P.O.	Membership last Reported	Incr' by		Decr's by			Present Membership	Preaching Sabbath	MONEY RECEIVED						Pastor's Salary	SUNDAY-SCHOOL		Officers & Teachers	No. of Pupils	Expenses		
						Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion			Erasure	Death	Minutes	Home Missions	State Missions	Foreign Missions		Orphans' Home	Minis't Educa'n & Institute W'k				Superintendent	Supt's P. O.
FIRST DISTRICT																										
*Antioch	Bobb.	G. W. Freeman	Z. J. Corley	Modena	190	.5	.6	.1	.8		.5	189	.4	5.00	1.75	.50	1350	6.25		\$90.00	DBSmitherman	Modena	17	117	\$11.50	
Enon	Bilb.	J. R. Wells	F. M. Arnold	Centerville	.57	.4	.3		.2		.2	.60	.2	1.00	1.35	1.68	.60	1.65	1.05		M. L. McLeroy	Six Mile	5	51	1.88	
†Macedonia																										
Mars Hill	Chilton	J. H. Thomas	H. Z. Barnes	British	.208	16	.1		.2		.2	215	.1	3.00				1.10			G. W. Scott	Jemison	6	25		
Relioboth	Bibb	J. D. Martin	E. H. Dunlap	Lawley	.151		.1		.2	.1		147	.1	2.50	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	50.00	L. J. More	Lawley			8.46	
Shady Grove	Bibb	R. H. Long	Jasper Jackson	Randolph	.163	.5		.1		.3		162	.3	2.50				1.80		50.00	JD Smitherman	Randolph	6	28	2.12	
SECOND DISTRICT																										
Center Hill	Chilton	R. M. Honeycutt	I. H. Waddell	Jemison	.31	.9	.5				.1	.44	.2	1.00				.50		21.25						
Collins' Chapel	Chilton	S. M. Adams	W. A. Mims	Thorsby	.86	11	.3	.2				.98	.1	1.50		1.50		2.50	1.00	100.00					5.00	
Liberty Hill	Chilton	S. M. Adams	F. M. Foshee	Clanton	.58	.2	.1					.61	.2	1.50												
†New Salem																										
Pleasant Grove	Chilton	S. Smitherman	D. H. Hodgins	Jemison	.170		.2		.6	.2	.1	163		1.50							Jas. Franklin	Jemison	5			
Pleasant Hill	Chilton	J. P. Gentry	W. P. Scott	Thorsby	.29							.35	.3	1.00							W. H. Shaw					
Providence	Chilton	R. M. Honeycutt	W. H. Shaw	Clear Creek	.135	.2		.6			.1	130	.3	1.50		1.05		.50	1.25	50.00	W. H. Conway	Clear Creek	4	20		
Union Grove	Chilton	R. M. Honeycutt	W. L. Honeycutt	Jemison	.58				.4	.2		.52	.4	1.50								Jemison	5	31		
TOTAL					1336	52	24	238	8		18	1356		23	50	4.10	5.73	15.10	16.30	4.30	381.25			48	272	\$31.66

\*This Church has three Sunday-schools

†Not represented